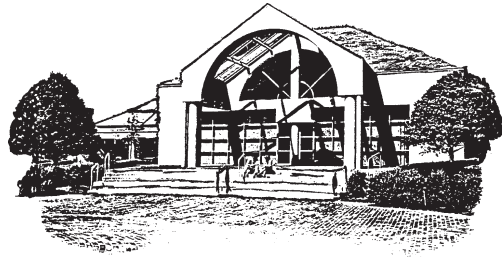


The Council Report

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2002

News from the Friendship Heights Village Council—
the elected governing body of the Special Tax District
of the Village of Friendship Heights



Village Receives Award from Rescue Squad

At their annual banquet in November, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad presented the Village with the Hiram Musgrove Memorial Award.

The award is presented annually to an individual or organization for dedicated service and outstanding contributions to the operations of the Rescue Squad.

The Village provides space at no charge to the Rescue Squad for the satellite facility at 4602 North Park Avenue, which opened in March.

We are truly grateful to the Rescue Squad for this recognition, and we pledge to continue our support for the facility and the organization.

MML Scholarships Announced

The Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League is offering two \$1,500 scholarships this spring.

The scholarships are for students involved in community service who plan a career in government or public service. Preference will be given to those who live in a municipality or special taxing district.

Application forms are available at the Village Center (call 301-656-2797). The application requires a statement of educational objectives and career goals, an essay on the importance or function of municipal government, two letters of recommendation, and a scholastic transcript. The deadline for applying is April 10, 2003.

911 Cell Phones Available for Senior Citizens

The Bethesda District station of the Montgomery County Police is issuing cell phones to senior citizens that will allow the person to call 911 only. Steve Steinberg, a volunteer at the station, will be distributing the cell phones by appointment only. He can be reached at 301-657-0622.

The police are also collecting cell phones and have donation receipt forms available. If you have any questions or need more information, call Officer Dana Matthis at 301-657-0119.

Public Safety Task Force

The Public Safety Committee of the Friendship Heights Task Force met on December 4 to discuss crime trends in the area.

The Task Force consists of police and public safety officials on both sides of the DC-Maryland line, including Montgomery County Police, Metropolitan Police Department (DC), Metro Transit Police, and security officers for the larger retailers. The Village is also represented on the Task Force, along with other communities and developers in the Friendship Heights area.

The police warned of the typical incidents that tend to occur more frequently this time of year, particularly pickpocketing, shoplifting, and thefts from cars. They cautioned everyone not to leave shopping bags unattended in cars or purses in shopping carts, which make for easy targets.

There have also been several

“smash and grab” incidents at local shops, in which the front door or window to the store is broken and merchandise is stolen. In response to this and other trends, the businesses along Wisconsin Avenue are discussing ways to share information with one another on crime suspects and incidents.

Village Copes With Season's First Snowfall

The Village weathered the first snowstorm of the season quite well, thanks in no small part to the quick work by the staff at the buildings in clearing snow from their adjacent sidewalks. We greatly appreciate their efforts, as well as the work by Mulheron, our snow removal contractor. We were also pleased that the shuttle bus started on time and stayed in service the entire day.

New Year's Day Open House

You are cordially invited to the Village Center on Wednesday, January 1, 2003, from 2 to 4 p.m., for our annual New Year's Day Open House. Come celebrate the new year and enjoy refreshments that will be provided.

On behalf of the Village Council, my best wishes to you all for a healthy and happy holiday season.

—Melanie Rose White
Mayor



The Council took the following actions at the November 12, 2002, meeting:

- Approved request from Highland House West for tree removal adjacent to parking garage;
- Approved distribution of \$35,000 from cable television grant to Montgomery Municipal Cable television station;
- Voted to go into executive session under Section 10-508(a)(1)(i) to discuss personnel issues.

The Council took the following action at the December 9, 2002, meeting:

- Approved commendation for Montgomery County Chief of Police Charles Moose.



Friendship Boulevard and North Park Ave.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dates for first half of 2003:

Monday, Jan. 27

Monday, Feb. 24

Monday, Mar. 24

Monday, Apr. 21

Monday, May 19

Monday, June 30



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